

GROSS COUNTY PRODUCT

Description of Indicator

Gross Product measures the total output of goods and services in a county, state, or national economy.

Why is it Important?

Gross product is a good measure for indicating how productive an overall economy is.

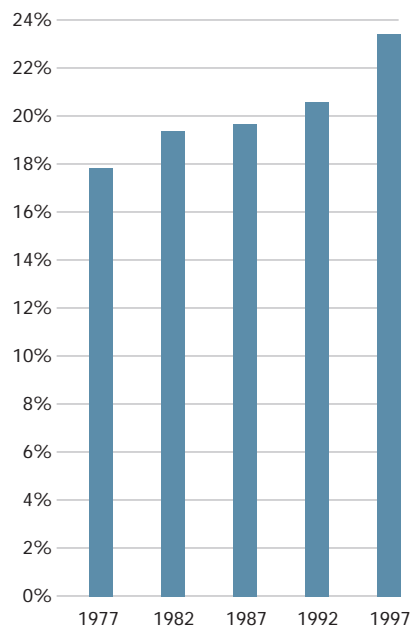
How is Orange County Doing?

If Orange County were a country, it would rank approximately 32nd in the world – ahead of such nations as Chile, Ireland, Israel, Malaysia, and New Zealand, and Singapore. However, Orange County's gross product is growing more slowly compared to California's and the U.S. over recent periods.

Gross County Product (in billions)

	OC	CA	U.S.
1977	37.2	228.5	2104.7
1982	47.7	391.1	3299.1
1987	70.6	619.5	4835.9
1992	89.8	825.2	6383.1
1997	102.7	1019.0	8254.5
1998		1089.8	8681.0
1999 (est)		1163.3	9158.0

Source: California Department of Trade & Commerce;
U.S. Department of Commerce; Cal State Fullerton

**Orange County Manufacturing Gross Product
as a % of Overall Orange County Gross Product**

Source: California Department of Trade and Commerce;
Cal State Fullerton